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¶1. (SBU) Turkey will abide by all provisions of UNSCRs 1737, 1747 and 1803, including those pertaining to travel, MFA Iran Section Head Mehmet Sekerci told us April 9. He said would convey our reftel points to his superiors. According to Sekerci, all the individuals' names subject to "vigilance and restraint" or an outright travel ban have been conveyed to the Interior Ministry, which is responsible for implementing international travel restrictions.

¶2. (C) In order to help ensure effective Turkish implementation of the UNSCRs Sekerci recommended that we share, if possible, any passport and descriptive information with Turkish authorities concerning the listed individuals. Iranians are not subject to tourist visa requirements, and nearly one million visited Turkey last year. It is a challenge to restrict an applicant at the port of entry based solely on his/her first and last name, he said. Useful information for Turkish authorities would include date of birth and mother's and father's name.

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